

OWENS CORNING SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY CENTER
PATENT DEPT., BLDG. 54
2790 COLUMBUS ROAD, ROUTE 16
GRANVILLE, OHIO 43023-1200



FAX TRANSMITTAL

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

JAN 05 2005

Date: January 5, 2005

No. of Pages: 3 (Including this page)

To: Examiner M. Halpern

From: Maria C. Gasaway

Of: USPTO - Art Unit 1771

Fax: (740) 321-4945

Fax: 703-872-9306

Phone: (740) 321-7213

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Serial No.: U.S. Patent Application 10/712,904 - Filed November 13, 2003

I hereby certify that a Response to Office Action is being transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (Fax No. (703) 872-9306) to: Examiner M. Halpern (Art Unit 1771) on January 5, 2005.

1-5-05
(Date of Deposit)

Maria C. Gasaway

(Name of Depositor)

Maria C. Gasaway
(Signature)

This message is intended only for the use of the individual or entity to which it is addressed and may contain information that is privileged, confidential, and exempt from disclosure. If the reader of this message is not the intended recipient or an employee or agent responsible for delivering the message to the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any dissemination, distribution, or copying of this communication is strictly prohibited. If you have received this message in error, please notify us immediately and return the original message to us by mail. Thank you.

Attorney Docket No. 25090A

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER**

JAN 05 2005

In re Patent Application of:

Baker et al.

Serial No.: 10/712,904

Filed: November 13, 2003

For: EXHAUST POSITIONED AT THE
DOWNSTREAM END OF A GLASS
MELTING FURNACE

Group Art Unit: 1731

Examiner: M. Halpern

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 6, 2004, Applicants hereby
submit a Response to Restriction Requirement.

Attorney Docket No. 25360A

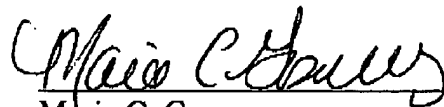
REMARKS**Response to Restriction Requirement**

The Examiner has imposed a restriction requirement requiring Applicants to elect one invention. Applicants hereby provisionally elect claims 1-18 (Group I) with traverse.

However, while Applicants agree with the Examiner that the subject matter of Groups I-II are independent and patentably distinct, it is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims 1-26 is sufficiently related and that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one group of claims would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden.

If any questions should arise with respect to the above remarks, or if it would in any way expedite the prosecution of the case, it is requested that the Examiner contact Applicants' agent at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



Maria C. Gasaway
Reg. No. 51,721
Owens Corning
Patent Department, Bldg. 54
2790 Columbus Road
Granville, OH 43023
(740) 321-7213

Date: January 5, 2004